CHAPTER XXVII

WARNINGS TO ROYALISTS AND REPUBLICANS1

Moreau and the Republicans — Royalist Conspiracies — Mo-reau's Fall — The Passion for Plotting — Royalist Dissensions — The Due d'Enghien — His Plans and Conduct — The Activity of the French Police — Appearances against Enghien — The Expedition to Seize Him — His Imprisonment — Arrival at Paris — Bonaparte at Malmaison — The Commission to Try Enghien — Bonaparte's Decision — Pleas for Clemency — The Trial of Enghien-—The Execution — The First Consul's Explanations — Disastrous Effects of the Deed — Revulsion of Feeling.

BUT there were still a very few sturdy men who felt that one side of the Revolution was falling into atrophy at the expense of that which Bonaparte so ably represented. In spite of his disfavor, they made themselves heard; and Carnot even dared to remonstrate in the tribunate against the adulation of this second young Augustus who was using the forms of a commonwealth to found an empire. In the senate also this little sect had a remnant, some eight members in all. Their power lay not in themselves, nor in their strict republican principles, but in the latent sympathies of many influential officers of the army. During the second campaign in Italy Moreau had smothered his discontent

deferences: Pasquier: M6- moirs; Fauriel: Les derniers jours du Consulat; Desmarest: Temoi- gnages Historiques; M6h6e de la Touche: Alliance des Jacobins de France avec le Ministere Anglais; Cadoudal: La conspiration de Georges Cadoudal; Lecestre: Let- tres ingdites; Tratchefski: Recueil de la Soci6t6 d'Histoire de Russie; Pingaud: Les dernieres aimSes de Moreau (Revue de Paris, 15 Dec.,